

**Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism  
GO SERV**

**Citizen Corps and CERT Program Update  
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**GO SERV-sponsored CERT T-T-T Instructor Training in Roseville**

GO SERV will host a CERT T-T-T training at the Roseville Fire Department's Training Institute in Roseville. Nearby OAs can send instructor candidates to this training. The instructor's are from Los Angeles City Fire Department: Commander Henry Amparan and  
Contact Joanne Burke for additional information.Statewide

**First Quarter Operational Area Grantee Report**

Attached, please find a copy of the Quarterly Report. Since most of you are still developing your programs and don't have much to report, the First Quarter Report is optional. We will contact the grantees with significant progress to capture their activities and accomplishments to report in our first report to FEMA. We are still working towards being able to allow you to complete your Quarterly Reports online.

**AmeriCorps\*VISTA Program**

GO SERV is currently developing a statewide AmeriCorps\*VISTA program to place AmeriCorps\*VISTA members in nonprofit organizations and public agencies to work to help communities prepare for and respond to disasters and other emergencies, including acts of terrorism. VISTA members can help agencies build their Citizen Corps and CERT programs, develop Neighborhood Watch and VIPS programs, as well as many other activities in support of community preparedness and homeland security. The focus of this program is on low-income, underserved communities. Please contact Greg Chun if you are interested in hosting one or more AmeriCorps\*VISTA members. For additional information about AmeriCorps\*VISTA, click on <http://www.americorps.org/vista/index.html>

**Masters of Disaster and Facing Fear Curriculum Offer**

GO SERV will make available these Red Cross materials at no charge to all current Operational Area grantees on a limited basis. Materials will be mailed to each current OA grantee in April 2003. For additional copies, please contact Joanne Burke. Operational Area agencies can share these materials with Citizen Corps Councils, CERT programs, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Volunteers In Police Services, as well as all first responder agencies. To learn more about the Masters of Disaster program, click on <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/eduinfo/> To learn more about Facing Fear, visit <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/masters/facingfear/>

**Masters of Disaster** is an innovative curriculum for children in grades K-8 that helps teachers meet academic requirements by providing lessons on science, math, social studies, language arts, and fine arts through studying the hazards of earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, and, in general, personal preparedness. This is a school-based curriculum for use throughout the school year.

### **Facing Fear - Helping Young People Deal With Terrorism and Other Tragic Events**

Facing Fear was developed to address a demand by educators and caregivers of children for materials to help children cope in uncertain times. The curriculum is a supplement to Masters of Disaster™, children's natural hazard safety curriculum. The format and components are similar, including ready-to-go lesson plans, activities and demonstrations that can be incorporated within core subject areas. Lessons are aligned with national health, social studies, and language arts standards.

### **Regional Community Policing Institutes**

There are three Regional Community Policing Institutes in California which serve distinct regions of the state. They offer no- or low-cost training that can benefit your Citizen Corps Councils, CERT teams, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Volunteers In Police Services, as well as all first responder agencies. Please contact your closest RCPI for additional information.

### **Grantee Count**

As of March 21, we have more than 35 Operational Area and Tribal Nation Citizen Corps and CERT grant awards in process. We plan to share this information with your local elected official to alert them of all GO SERV programs in their area.

### **Upcoming Conferences**

The GO SERV Volunteer Emergency Management and Homeland Security Programs Unit is participating in a number of homeland security, emergency management and volunteer and service conferences in the upcoming months. For additional information, click on <http://www.goserv.ca.gov/events/2003calendar.asp>

Our need to have POC's for each OA – Tracy Dunne

Update on 03 Funding

Update on Other Funding

US DOE and DHS

Update on State Citizen Corps Council/ SEVAG

Update on GO SERV Activities

## **Update on AmeriCorps Homeland Security Programs and Funding**

Safe Corps

Other Programs

## **USA Freedom Corps**

Please encourage your nonprofit and public agency partners who have volunteer opportunities in disaster/emergency preparedness and response to visit the USA Freedom Corps website [www.freedomcorps.gov](http://www.freedomcorps.gov) to register their information.

## **New Staff**

Please join us in welcoming Joanne Burke to the GO SERV Volunteer Emergency Management and Homeland Security Programs Unit. Joanne comes to GO SERV with many years of international disaster training experience. Joanne will serve as our CERT and Special Projects Coordinator.

## **Your State Citizen Corps Team – GO SERV's Volunteer Emergency Management and Homeland Security Programs Unit**



**Adam Sutkus, Director** Adam Sutkus serves as the director of the newly established Volunteer Emergency Management and Homeland Security Unit of GO SERV. In his role with GO SERV, Adam will be managing Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) programs which seek to train and coordinate volunteer efforts during disasters including terrorist attacks. Adam previously worked at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services as a Program Manager in the Executive Programs and State Operations division. Previously, Adam was selected nationally as a Presidential Management Intern Fellow, and held positions with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Senate in D.C. Adam received his Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and has a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California's Washington, D.C. Public Affairs Center.

**Greg Chun, Assistant Director** Greg's homeland security/emergency management career began as a Defense Department special agent in the mid-1980's. After leaving the Defense Department, Greg went to work for the American Red Cross where he played a leadership role in Red Cross national and community service in California and across the nation. He is the founding director of the Red Cross Rapid Response Corps, now called the National Readiness and Response Corps. With program sites across the country, its members have served on more than 300 national Red Cross disaster relief operations and provided preparedness training to more than 1,000,000 people. Greg has also served on national disaster relief operations at the management level. Greg has an undergraduate degree in Education and graduate degrees in Education and Criminal Justice.

**Joanne Burke, CERT and Special Projects Coordinator:**

Joanne is a Training and Development Specialist with a Masters degree in Human Resource Development. She has worked for more than 10+ years with the U.S. AID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) as their Internal Training Officer, Field Representative for Asia and the Pacific, and the Senior External Training Advisor. She has developed and managed short and long-term programs in disaster preparedness and risk management, refugee and humanitarian assistance and has extensive experience working with community-based organizations, national and local government, the private sector, and multi-and bi-lateral funding agencies.

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